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The first paragraph on page 1 of the specification was amended to update the status of the parent application, which is now USP 6,646,050.

A minor editorial revision was made to claim 8.

Claim 18 was amended to depend on claim 17.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to return a copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A filed on July 10, 2003 and to indicate thereon that the cited publications were considered and made of record.

Restriction was required under 35 USC 121 as follows:

Group I: Claims 1 to 4, 14 to 16 and 18, drawn to an optical component and an adhesive sheet, comprising an adhesive composition, wherein the adhesive composition comprises a copolymer of a (meth)acrylic ester having a weight average molecular weight of 500,000 to 2,000,000; and a crosslinking agent comprising an adduct of a polyisocyanate;

Group II: Claims 5 to 9 and 17, drawn to an adhesive composition, comprising a copolymer of a

(meth)acrylic ester having a weight average molecular weight of 1,000,000 or greater, an oligomer of (meth)acrylic esters having a weight average molecular weight of 1,000 to 10,000; and a crosslinking agent; and

Group III: Claims 10 to 13 and 19 to 24, drawn to an adhesive composition, an optical component, and an adhesive sheet comprising the adhesive composition, wherein the adhesive composition comprises a copolymer of a (meth)acrylic ester having a weight average molecular weight of 1,000,000 or greater; an oligomer of (meth)acrylic esters having a weight average molecular weight of 1,000 to 10,000; and a crosslinking agent.

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1 to 4, 14 to 16 and 18).

In view of the above amendments to claim 18 (to depend on claim 17), claim 18 should be included in Group II, not Group I.

An INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT is being filed concomitantly herewith.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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